Extension to the chiefs of public sector undertaking

1071. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appeared in the "Economic Times" dated 24th March, 1988 under the heading "Playing Favourite" and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it has also been stated that a number of heads of the undertakings including that of National Project and Construction Corporation Limited have been given extensions after superannuation and there are a number of heads of undertakings who continue to employe a charmed life or Tenure;

(c) if so, the names of high officers, who have been given extensions after superannuation; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Government is aware of the news-item which appeared under the caption "Playing Favourites?" in the Economic Times dated 24th March, 1988 and of the alleged irregularities imputations made therein. It is not correct to say that a number of Heads of Public Sector Undertakings have been given extension beyond superannuation and that there are a number of Heads of such undertakings who continue to enjoy charmed life or tenure. Only a few Public Sector chiefs have given extension beyond superannuation in exceptional cases where developments, which could not have been foreseen, made it necessary to grant extension. As per available information, the following chief executives were given extension of tenure beyond superannuation during 1987-88:-

1. Shri G.T. Pais, MD, Indian Airlines Corporation, from 1-4-87 to 31-3-89.

2. Shri Duleep Singh, CMD, Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilzers Ltd, from 8-7-87 to 8-7-88.

3. Col. S. P. Wahi, Chariman, ONGC, from 5-11-87 to 5-11-88.

4. Shri S. K. Bhattacharya, CMD Jute Corporation of India, from 31-12-87 to 30-6-88.

5. Shri J. K. Mehra, CMD, NPCC, till 26-1-89.

6. Shri V. K. J. Rane, MD, IRCON, from 23-3-88 to 23-3-90.

Extension of tenure of chief executives of Public Enterprises beyond superannuation is made only in evry exceptional cases and in public interest.

Indo-Soviet joint council Meet

1072. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a two day meeting of the Indo-Soviet Joint Council for implementation of the Science and Technology Programme was held in New Delhi during the last week of March, 1988; and

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached on the conclusion of the meet and the details thereof?

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